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From my CHAMBERS, Lincoln's-Inn.

According to the general Opinion of the People, *Marriages* in *Lent*, if they are not Heterodoxical, they are at least Indecent: Therefore on *Easter-Sunday* they come in again, as the Almanacks express it, and usher'd in by a *Dance* of the *Sun*. This Notion has so much prevail'd, that from Custom there are more Marriages just after *Easter*, than at any other Time of the Year. At such a Crisis of Time the following Letter comes very opportunely, and I recommend it to all new-married and unmarried Persons, to consider the *Moral* of it seriously; which, if follow'd, will contribute to the Happiness of both Sexes.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

AS I lay musing upon my Couch after a hard Day's Hunting, I found myself inclinable to slumber, and giving way to the Drowsiness, my Fancy brought to my Mind the following Scene: I was scarce asleep when I thought I heard somewhere near me the Voices of two Persons talking. What one utter'd seem'd to be spoke with a great deal of Vehemence and Earnestness; in the other's Voice I perceiv'd that *Softness* peculiar to the Fair Sex; and by over-hearing a few particular Words, such as *Vows* of *Truth*, eternal *Constancy*, &c. on one Hand, and on the other some *Love form'd Doubts*, and *tender Fears*, I found it to be a Lover with his Mistress: I look'd round me and saw them sitting fondly in a Window that look'd out upon the most agreeable Prospect imaginable: But what struck my Eyes most was the particular *Beauty* of their Persons, Ornaments of their Dress, and Splendidness of their Retinue. There was visible in the Face, and Air of the Lover, (as I thought) *Love*, *Sincerity* and *Honour*; his Garments shone with *Gold* and *Jewels*, and on his right Hand stood a Person on whose Breast was hieroglyphically painted *Good-Nature*, *Love* and *Happiness*: He held a Torch in his Hand, which burnt with a steady Flame, and seem'd to want much of being consum'd; such a serene Pleasure shone in his Face as made me scarce observe a Wrinkle or two in his Forehead: I could not help perceiving, however, that that Part of his Face sometimes swell'd and shooted in an extraordinary Manner, the Meaning of which I could not then, nor can I now, tell. This Person I, at first Sight, pronounced to be *Hymen*. On his left stood a Person of the most alluring Mien and winning Air you can conceive; there was something so gracefully-negligent in his Dress, so unaffectedly-charming, that I was in no Doubt to give him the Name of *Truth*. Besides these Personages there was an infinite Number of *smiling Loves* and *wanton Cupids* attending on the Lover; some writing over him Love Verses, some dancing, others singing, but all gay and sprightly. I could not help envying this *happy Man* the Success he must necessarily meet with; and as the Person he was with was one of the most amiable I had ever seen, I thought them the most perfect *Pair* that ever was known. She had all the Charms in her Person imagination can conceive. Her Dress was the most becoming imaginable. *Venus* stood on one Side of her, offering her her *Cestus*, and *Modesty* on the other, smoothing her Cloaths. There were a hundred *little Loves* that seem'd to take a Pleasure in dwelling upon her Lips, raising a Colour in her Cheeks, and wantoning in her Eyes. One I observ'd flying about from one to the other, and whatever the Lover spoke, he with a peculiar Sweetness convey'd to her Ear. Another sat upon her Lips, and gave fresh Charms to all she spoke. I was every Moment in Expectation of Things being brought to a Conclusion between this beautiful Pair, when I observ'd by their *stolen Looks* and *imperfect Sentences*, that they were under some *Restraint*, as it is with People when they are in Company before whom they don't care to speak their Minds freely. I could not conceive, as I *was unseen myself*; which of the Company could possibly be disagreeable, when I perceiv'd the *Youth* every now and then turning about and frowning upon *Hymen*, who, impatient of waiting so long, was frequently offering him his Torch, which he at last press'd him so much to accept of, that the Youth in a Rage blew it out, and turn'd him out of the Room. I observ'd at the same Time a little *Dispute* between *Venus* and *Modesty*, who were waiting as Hand-Maids upon the young Lady. *Modesty* would fain have pinn'd her *Handkerchief*, whilst *Venus*, who knew the Charms of a lovely *Bosom*, insisted on its being *laid aside*. The Lady was to decide, when she look'd down upon her *Neck*, and gave it in favour of *Venus*. *Modesty* upon this, blush'd, cast down her Eyes, and retir'd.

They now lay aside all Restraint; the Youth grew more *pressing*, the Lady more *complying*; for she having now No-body near her but *Venus*, who was secretly in the *Lover's* Interest, was persuaded by her to comply with *all he* desir'd. But now the Curtain dropp'd, and I lost Sight of them; when presently I heard *Venus* laugh, the *Cupids* all singing a Victory, and all around me Shouts of *Joy* and *Pleasure*. As I was reflecting upon this Scene, *Hymen* came to me, his Torch was *reverted*, and he seem'd to have Tears in his Eyes: He shook his Head, and said, sighing,— Alas! Is all my Care then come to this? Poor unfortunate Lady, what Scenes of Misery must you pass through! But Complaints are useless, said he; I came to *you* because I saw you particularly pleas'd with the *splendid Appearance* of the Couple that were just now before your Eyes, and am surpriz'd you would be so impos'd upon. But to convince you of your Mistake, I will make them appear again.— Here they are:——— You thought you saw in his Face, *Love*, *Sincerity* and *Honour*: But, alas! the Youth had then a *Mask* on: His Face is now an Indication of his Mind. Don't you now plainly discern *Lust*, *Artifice* and *Villainy*? His Garments, which you took to be *Gold* and *Jewels*, are nothing but *Tinsel* and *false Stones*: The Person who stood on his left Hand, and whom you took to be *Truth*, is *Falsehood*, who, on these Occasions, always puts on his *Dress*. Those *Cupids* which you saw attending him, spring from the *stolen Joys* of *Mars* and *Venus*. They and the *true Lovers* are never in Company together. You now see by what Means he made himself agreeable to that Lady, whom he will quickly abandon to *Shame* and *Misery*. But *he* must not think to enjoy his Crime unpunish'd: The Time will come when he will dearly repent his Villany. Go on, poor Wretch, triumph in thy Wickedness; alas! it is but a short-liv'd Pleasure for the Anguish you must endure. But the *poor Lady*, tho' a little accessary to her own *Ruin*, is really to be pitied; had she kept *Modesty* by her, and not suffer'd me to be put out of the Room, she would never have come to the Misfortunes she must now quickly feel. I hope from what you have seen, you will draw Reflections that may be of Service to you in your future Life, and will, at length, be persuaded, that the *Love* alone which is supported by *Modesty*, and address'd to *Hymen*, can taste a lasting Happiness.—He was going on after this Manner, when I saw *Venus* and the *Lover*, having now forsaken their fair Charge, enter the Room. *Venus*, with whom I thought I had formerly been acquainted, came up to me smiling, and in an engaging Manner ask'd me, if I did not envy the *happy Lover* I had just now seen; and told me, if I would put myself under her Protection, she would be as obliging to *me*. The little *Loves* at the same Time offer'd me their Bows, and promis'd to be always at my *Service*. Here I had an Opportunity of observing what before escap'd me. *Ovid*, speaking of the Arrows of *Cupid*, says,

Amorem
Quod facit auratum est, & cuspide, fulget acuta,
Quod fugat obtusum est, & habet sub arundine plumbum.

Those shine with Golden Points *which raise Desire*;
They're blunt *and cloy'd with* Lead *that* Scorn *inspire.*

But the Darts of these *Cupids* who, as I said before were the offspring of *Mars* and *Venus*, had first those golden Points which *Ovid* gives to those that kindle *Love*; but beyond the *Gold* was placed *Lead*, that those have which raise *Scorn*; so that wherever the *Gold* first pierced, the Lead afterwards touch'd. With these came *Laughter*, *Pleasure* and *Transport*. I was so charmed with their *graceful Appearance* that I readily gave *Venus* my Hand, when *Hymen* caught hold of me, and begg'd of me to consider what I did before I ruined myself. But, said he, *Example* may have more *Power* with you than *Precept*; for which Reason I will only call to your Eyes the Couple you just now saw. He had scarce spoke, when I heard a dismal *Groan*, and turning round saw a Face I cou'd just discern to bear some Resemblance to the *Youth* I had before seen. He sat in an *Ebow Chair* wrapt up in Flannel; on one Side of him stood *Sickness* and *Pain*; and on the other, *Remorse* and *Despair*, each alternately tormenting him. I was shock'd at the Sight, and turning away my Eyes to avoid such a dismal *Spectacle*, I saw on the other Side a young Lady lying on her Death Bed, unattended by her Friends and Relations, but surrounded with *Grief*, *Shame*, *Infamy* and *Repentance*. *Grief* would not suffer her to take any Rest, but *Repentance* gave her a Cordial, which seem'd to do her immediate Good; but *Shame* and *Infamy* would not permit her to live.——*Hymen* told me these were the Rewards of those which forsook *him*, then bid me take my *Choice*: Upon which I immediately put myself under *his Protection*. *Venus then* frowning on me, withdrew with her Graces and gay Attendance. ——*Hymen*, then I thought, took me by the Hand, and, after having walk'd a little Way, brought me to a delightful Garden. Whilst I was admiring the Beauties that rose around me in this Paradise, I saw at a small Distance a charming Grotto, in which sat reading a Lady of the most exquisite Beauty I had ever seen; there were three Handmaids waiting behind her, which I found to be the *three Graces*; *Chastity* stood on one Side of her with down-cast Eyes, and *Good-Nature* on the other, smiling; these are always accompany'd with *Happiness*; and a *Cupid* far more beautiful than any I had yet seen, stood with a *Golden Arrow*, waiting for her Directions. One of the *Graces* was continually adorning her Person, but seem'd to be taken no Notice of by her, whilst she was wholly regarding the other two, who made proper Observations to her on what she read. She laid down her Book, when she saw *Hymen* approaching her, who presented *me* to *her*. I was struck with such an Awe and Veneration, as made me pay my Compliments with an awkward Bashfulness I was before a Stranger to; she saw my Confusion, and, with a *good-natur'd* Smile, seem'd to pity and encourage me. *Hymen* then address'd himself to me after this Manner: 'You see 'what Reward I have prepar'd for you, for preferring 'me to that wanton Train we just parted from: I have 'prevail'd with this Lady to receive *you* from *my*

'Hands, and if you always keep in your Mind the 'good Office I have done you, and never suffer yourself 'to be led away by those idle Loves you have now 'forsook, you will enjoy one continual Spring of 'Happiness, nor will Care or Trouble ever dare to in-'trude upon you.'

Transported with the Prospect of Bliss I was going to enjoy, I was about to return my Thanks in the most expressive Manner, when *Venus* came smiling up to the Lady, and took her by the Hand, in order to present her to me. *Hymen* did the same by me; and just as he was going to join my Hand with the heavenly *Clarinda's*, I started and awoke.——After I had conquer'd my first Concern, at finding all my *Hopes* of *Pleasure* but a *Dream*, the reflecting on it gave me a good deal of *Entertainment*; if you think it can afford any to your Readers, be pleas'd to favour it with a Place in your Paper, and you'll much oblige

Mr. *Spectator*,
Your most humble Servant,
D. H.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Petersbourg, March 16. The Court has receiv'd an Express from Finland, with the agreeable News that the Islands of Aland, which lie between the Gulph of Bothnia and that of Finland, have put themselves under the Protection of this Crown, and taken the Oaths of Allegiance to the Empress and the Grand Prince.

The British Minister here has receiv'd an Express from Stockholm, with Advice that the Swedish Court being inform'd that the Empress was for making the *Uti possidetis* the Basis of the future Treaty of Peace, had immediately made strong Representations to the Foreign Ministers, to obtain of their respective Courts speedy Assistance, pursuant to their Engagements with Sweden, otherwise the Swedes would be oblig'd to revive the Union of Calmar, &c.

The Veldt Marshal Lacy is again appointed Commander in Chief of the Army design'd to act against Sweden, and the Empress has been pleased to grant him for the next Campaign the same Officers that served under him in the last. We are equipping all the Gallies in our Ports, and building a great Number of flat-bottom'd Vessels, which are to be employ'd in a Descent upon Sweden: The Veldt Marshal Lacy is to command in Person the Troops destin'd for this Expedition.

Stockholm, March 27. The 25th Instant the Order of the Peasants sent a Deputation to the other Orders of the Kingdom, to declare to them, that they were resolved to maintain, at all Events, their Choice of the Prince Royal of Denmark for Successor to the Throne. Since this Deputation the French Embassador has openly declared for the Duke of Deux-Ponts, who is supported by the greatest Part of the Noblesse, and by some of the principal Members of the Clergy and Burghers.

Stockholm, March 30. Though the Clergy, the Burghers, and the Peasants have declar'd for the Prince Royal of Denmark, the Nobless, who are the first Order of the State, have made a Reserve not to declare themselves in regard to the Affair of the Succession, until they have receiv'd more positive Intelligence concerning the Conferences at Abo. The two following Motions were made a few Days since in the Dyet, viz. That all the Posts should be stopp'd, and all the Foreign Ministers sent out of the City, until the Affair of the Succession was settled: But both Motions were re-jected in all the Colleges.

Naples, March 19. A Courier extraordinary is arriv'd here from Madrid; who, after delivering his Dispatches to our Ministry, set out immediately for Count Gage's Army in Lombardy.

Commissaries have been sent to Pescara, with Orders to gather up the necessary Provisions for the Troops in that Neighbourhood, who only wait for the ultimate Orders of the Court to begin their March. A Reinforcement has just been sent to the Garrison of Gaeta, and a great Quantity of warlike Stores convey'd thither. A great deal of Artillery has also been sent to some new Forts lately erected by the Sea Side.

Bologna, March 26. As the Spaniards had been fortifying the Avenues to their Camp these several Days past, we thought they would wait for the coming up of the Austrians; but in this we were deceiv'd, for this Morning they departed suddenly, taking the Route to Imola in Romagna. It is said that General Count Gage had just receiv'd an Express from his Court, and that he is going to march to Orbitello.

Vienna, March 27. Count Dohna, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Prussia, has receiv'd Orders to accompany the Queen to Prague, in order to obtain of her Majesty, at the approaching Assembly of the States of Bohemia, an Act whereby the Dutchy of Silesia and the County of Glatz shall be acknowledg'd entirely independent of the Kingdom of Bohemia, and to belong in full Sovereignty to the King of Prussia, without being oblig'd to pay the least Homage, either as a Fief or under any other Denomination whatsoever. As this Demand is conformable to the Treaty of Breslau, we don't apprehend that any Objection will be made to it.

Schaffhousen, March 30. We hear from Piedmont, that the King of Sardinia's Troops are in Motion towards the Frontiers of Savoy, and that near 3000 of the Inhabitants of the Vallies, that lie between that Duchy and Piedmont, have taken up Arms and join'd his Sardinian Majesty's Troops.

Francfort, April 4. It has been resolved in the College of Princes, 'That the most effectual Way to re-'store the Peace of the Empire, is to employ for that 'Purpose the Mediation of the Germanick Body in 'conjunction with that of the King of Great Britain 'and the States General of the United Provinces.' This Resolution is to be carried to the other two Colleges of the Dyet for their Approbation, and if it passes there, another Resolution will be agreed to, i. e. to invite the two Maritime Powers to join their Mediation with that of the Empire in this Affair: But in all Appearance this Resolution cannot be taken till after the Election of an Elector of Mentz; and then the Question will be, What Instructions the Hanoverian Minister had receiv'd, or may receive on this Head?

Francfort, April 7. An English Commissary is arriv'd here, charg'd to procure in these Parts the necessary Provisions for the Subsistance of the Troops of the Allies, who are coming to take Post on this Side of the Rhine between Rheinfels and Mentz. We hear that the French are assembling an Army of about 50,000 Men near Lauterburgh, which is design'd to observe the Motions of the English. We are assur'd that the Circle of the Upper Rhine has resolved to send some Troops to reinforce the Garrison of Mentz.

Hanover, April 8. The Troops left in this Electorate are to form a Camp on the Frontiers of Westphalia, that may be at hand to march wherever occasion requires.

Dusseldorp, April 9. The English Troops continue their March along the Rhine with all possible Diligence. Part of the Hanoverians have already passed that River near Mulheim, and three Austrian Regiments pass'd it this Morning near Andernach.

On the other Hand we hear, that 20,000 French are in full March towards Spires, in order to pass the Rhine, and that they are to be speedily follow'd by 40 or 50,000 more, in order to oppose the Passage of the Allies. It is currently reported here that the Earl of Stair and the Duke d'Aremberg have positive Orders to seek the French and give them Battle in Case they pass the Rhine.

Hague, April 9. There are Advices from Overyssel, that the States of that Province have assented to the Proposition of Holland, as well with regard to the March of the 20,000 Men, as to the Subsidy to the Queen of Hungary. The States of Gueldeland are separated, without coming to any Resolution upon the said Proposition of Holland.

From the Paris A-la-main, April 10.

Upon Advice that the English Troops have pass'd the Rhine, Orders have been issued for the Troops that are assembling in Alsace to pass the Rhine also, and seize upon the Camp at Helbron, in order to oppose the Passage of the English, in case they design to march for Bavaria.

IRELAND.

Limerick, March 22. Last Week one Mr. Powell of the County of Tipperary was driving off his Stock, to avoid paying his Rent; which his Landlord being inform'd of, pursu'd him, and calling one Mr. Moses Dawson, and three or four more to his Assistance, soon overtook the Cattle; whereupon a Quarrel ensu'd, in which one Butler was cut in the Head, and Mr. Dawson's Hand was cut off to the Inside Skin, which he himself cut off; he receiv'd another Blow on the Head, which fractur'd his Skull, and his Life is despair'd of.

Dublin, March 29. We are inform'd that his Grace Dr. John Hoadly, Primate and Metropolitan of Ireland, is appointed Vice-Chancellor of our University in the room of the Right Rev. Dr. John Stearne, Lord Bishop of Clogher, who hath resign'd on account of his great Age.

COUNTRY NEWS.

York, March 29. On Thursday last died at Norton, the Seat of Mrs. Ramsden, in this County, the Rev. Mr. Henry Breary, Rector of Boxworth in Cambridgeshire; a Clergyman of an amiable Character, and well respected by all his Acquaintance.

Last Saturday, between Four and Five in the Afternoon, Mr. John Kirton of this City, Carpenter, was robb'd of 46 l. in Cash, about half way between Hull and Beverley. The Robbery was committed by a single Highwayman well mounted, who, on Mr. Kirton's Resistance, used him very barbarously, cut open his Bags, cut his Bridle, Stirrups and Girths, and, after giving him several Strokes with an Oaken Stick, left him for dead. A Hue and Cry was soon after rais'd in the Neighbourhood; but the Highwayman made off, and no farther Particulars could be got when the Packet came from Hull on Saturday Night.

LONDON.

An AUNTIENT PROPHECY *of a Britiſh* Druid.

WHEN gen'ral Dudgeon shall run high,
And Kings will fight—they scarce know why;
When o'er the *Ruſſian* Hemisphere
Bright shines their Genius Star—the *Bear*:
When *Charles* the Twelfth of *Sweden*'s Ghost
Shall shake his Head, and say—*All's lost*:
When the gay *Gallic Cock* shall crow,
Yet faintly strike the sparing Blow:
When the bold *Engliſh Lion*'s Roar
Shall bellow on the *German* Shore:
When, gloomy as he marches on,
He cries, with an indignant Frown,
'Ah! Why should my Majestic Force
'Be try'd—but to defend a *Horſe*?
'My *own Wars* I, on any Plain,
'Will fight—and fight—and fight again.
'But for a *Horſe* to be so civil,
'*Willing*—or *unwilling*'s the Devil.—
'Ah! Who can the Decrees withstand,
'Which *Gods* ordain, and *Kings* command.'
When the Event of theſe Things are,
BRITAIN——*Beware—Beware—Beware.*

Private Letters from English Officers in Germany complain heartily of the Scarcity of *all Neceſſaries* on their *March*, proper *Magazines* not having been previously fix'd——Surely so great an Overſight in *Military Art* could be owing only to the *haſty Reſolutions* and *Commands* of *Cabinet Politicians*.

It is reported as Express is sent for all the British Forces to halt till farther Notice.—*But whether this is from any Reaſons of* War, *or Reaſons of* Peace *is very uncertain.*

By a List of the French Armies, sent over by Mr. Th——mp——n, the Britiſh Am——r at France, it is evident they, at this present Juncture, consist of *Four hundred and fourteen thouſand Men.*——A Proof France is not so *deſpicable an Enemy* as some *new fangled Politicians* would represent

Sunday last being Easter-Sunday the same was observ'd at Court as a high Festival, when the Knights Companions of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Thistle and Bath, appear'd in the Collars of their respective Orders. At Noon his Majesty, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and the Princess's preceded by the Heralds and Pursuivants at Arms, and attended by a great Concourse of Nobility and Gentry, went to the Chapel Royal, and heard a Sermon preach'd by the Rev. Dr. Hutton. After Divine Service his Majesty, &c. receiv'd the Holy Communion from the Hands of the Bishop of Exeter. His Majesty according to Custom, made an Offering of the Byzant, or Wedge of Gold, at the Altar, as an Easter-Offering, for the Benefit of the Poor. The Sword of State was carry'd before his Majesty, to and from the Chapel, by his Grace William Duke of Portland.

Monday the Right Rev. Dr. Herring, Bishop of Bangor, kiss'd his Majesty's Hand at St. James's on his being appointed Archbishop of York.

Col. Rowland Reynolds, of the Third Regiment of Foot Guards, is appointed second Major in the said Regiment, in the room of Col. Stewart, decea'd.

Everard Buckworth, Esq; is appointed Gentleman Usher to his Majesty, in the room of Colonel James Stewart, of Terrence, who died at his Lodgings at Whitehall on Sunday Night.

His Majesty has been pleas'd to promote Major-General Phillips, Commander in Chief of the Forces at Placentia and Anapolis Royal, to be a Lieutenant-General.

And to appoint Capt. Ballenden to be Major of the Right Hon. the Earl of Rothes's Regiment of Foot.

Mr. George Hornsby is appointed Table-Decker to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in the room of Edward Moreton, decea'd.

Peregrine Fury, Esq; is appointed Secretary to Chelsea-Hospital, in the Room of Kingsmill Eyre, Esq; deceased.

According to the best Accounts that can be had, there are at present in Bavaria 50,000 French, 30,000 Imperialists and 70,000 Austrians The Auxiliary Troops in Franconia, consisting of English, Austrians and Hanoverians, amount to 50,000 Men. The French have about 60,000 in Swabia.

Sunday last was married at Camberwell Mr. Kirby, a wealthy Ironmonger at Wapping, to Miss Fluddyer, of the same Place, a celebrated Beauty, with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

Tuesday Mr. Snow, jun. an eminent Banker without Temple-Bar, was married to Miss Paul, Daughter of Dr. Paul, his Majesty's Judge-Advocate.

They write from Buxton in Derbyshire, that last Week was married there, Mr. Seldon, a Gentleman-Farmer, possess'd of 150 l. a Year, to Mrs. Orton, an agreeable Widow, but was seiz'd with an Apoplectick Fit as he sat at Dinner on the Wedding-Day, and died immediately.

Last Week died, at his House at Tottenham-High-Cross, Thomas Waterhouse, Esq; Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Princess Louisa; he was with Admiral Vernon at the taking of Porto-Bello.

Last Week died at his House in Pall-Mall, in an advanced Age, Mr. Greene, Shoemaker to her late Majesty Queen Caroline, and formerly one of the Burgesses of the City and Liberty of Westminster, but having acquir'd a handsome Estate by Trade, he had for some Years retir'd from Business: His Wife, to whom he had been marry'd 63 Years, expir'd about half an Hour after him, and they were on Sunday Night last interr'd in one Grave in St. James's Church.

A few Days ago died, in Scotland-Yard, Miss Meadows, Daughter of Sir Philip Meadows, Knight-Marshal; she was one of the Maids of Honour to the late Queen.

On Sunday Night died, at his House in Audley-street, Grosvenor-Square, of a Mortification in his Bowels, Augustine Cay, Esq; a Gentleman possess'd of a considerable Estate in Berkshire, and who has for many Years been in the Commission of the Peace for that County.

On Sunday last died, at his House in the Navy-Office, —— Pierce, Esq; late Member of Parliament for Melcomb-Regis, and one of the Commissioners of the Navy.

On Sunday died in an advanc'd Age, at his House in Aldersgate-street, Mr. Neal, Minister of the Congregation in Jewin-street, and Father to Nathaniel Neal, Esq; Secretary to the Million Bank Company.

Monday died, of the Epidemical *Grief* (as a Physician term'd it) at his Lodgings in St. Michael's-Alley, Cornhill, Mr. Andrew Burridge formerly an eminent Apothecary of this City; but had acquir'd, by his great Skill in his Profession, Industry, and Probity, a comfortable Fortune, on which he liv'd with an intimate Friend, in a pleasant Retirement at Long Ditton in Surrey; where he serv'd the Poor with the greatest Compassion and Charity, supply'd them with Medicines and Advice gratis, and frequently by his Purse; so that the Loss of him is justly lamented both by Rich and Poor, to both of whom his sweet Temper, and many valuable Qualities, render'd him most agreeable.

The same Day died, at his House in St. Martin's-Lane, aged 96, Mr. Davies, who was 63 Years one of the Deputy Gentlemen Porters at the Royal Palaces.

On Monday Night last died, at his Lodgings in Broad-Street, Mr. Duckworth, an eminent Merchant of this City.

Last Week his Majesty was pleased to present the Rev. Harvey Aspin, L. L. B. to the Rectory of Harlest cum Boxted, in the County of Suffolk.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London hath been pleased to appoint Mr. Jauncey to be his Lordship's Secretary, in the room of Mr. Pawlett, decea'd, a Place of 200 l. per Annum.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Norwich hath given by Patent the Office of Register to the Commissary of Norwich, to Mr. Pearson, his Lordship's Secretary, a Place of 100 l. per Annum.

The Excise upon Malt Spirits, and other distill'd Liquors, hath, from Midsummer 1741 to Midsummer 1742, amounted to upwards of 600,000 l. which is 60,000 l. more than the preceding Year.

The Excise on Malt, from Midsummer 1741 to Midsummer 1742, amounted to upwards of 500,000 l. The Decrease in this Duty is upwards of 30,000 l. less than the preceding Year.

They write from Dublin, that there has not been known a greater Plenty of Provisions in that City and the neighbouring Towns in the Memory of Man; Bread is twenty-two Pounds for a Shilling; Butter 3 d. per Pound; Beef and Mutton Three Half-pence per Pound, and every other Necessary of Life cheap in Proportion: Fish, in particular, has been so plenty, that great Quantities have been flung into the Liffey, after the Poor have been serv'd with it at their own Prices.

Last Saturday Morning some Part of the old Building of Queen's College in Cambridge, was blown down by the Violence of the Wind; some People had just before been standing under it to shelter themselves from the Weather, but on hearing it crack ran cross the Way just before it fell.

Monday in the Afternoon a Reprieve came to Newgate for David Todd, condemn'd for a Street-Robbery, and Jacob Cordola, condemn'd for House-breaking: They are to be transported for 14 Years.

Tuesday in the Afternoon a Warrant came down to Newgate, for the Execution of the Eleven Malefactors now under Sentence of Death next Tuesday.

The same Day a great Number of Prisoners were remov'd from the several Gaols to Newgate, in order to take their Trials at the Old Baily, which begins on Wednesday next.

A Letter by the last French Mail, from on board the Rupert Man of War in the Mediterranean, advises, that this Ship, in Company with another Man of War, pursu'd a Barcolongo into the Bay of Almeria, which got into Shoal Water, and so near the Shore that they could not board her, but batter'd her to Pieces. They afterwards, meeting with but little Resistance from the Forts and Batteries of the Town, determin'd upon cannonading it; but finding a French Tartan in the Bay, they sent the Master on Shore to let the Inhabitants know, that unless they would ransom their Town by a Sum of Money, it would be bear about their Ears. The Inhabitants sent Word, that in a Time fix'd an Answer should be given the Commodore; which Time was granted them. In the Interim they sent to acquaint the Intendant of the Province with the Situation of their Affairs, who immediately order'd them 200 Soldiers, to prevent the Sailors from landing; which Soldiers being ignorant of the Mischief such Ships of Force were capable of doing, would not permit the Inhabitants to save their Town by a Ransom, but oblig'd them to send a Defiance to the Captains of the Men of War; who thereupon immediately fir'd upon the Town, which they continu'd to do all Night. In the Morning, the Wind changing, they were oblig'd to make the best of their Way out of the Bay; but before they departed, they sent the Master of the French Tartan into the Town again, in order to know what had been done; who soon brought them Word, that the Tower of the great Church was beaten down, and great Part of the Body thereof: That most of the Houses were demolish'd, or much damag'd; and in short, that the whole Town was reduced to a Heap of Rubbish; and that about thirty Settees, Barcolongos, &c. which had been haul'd into Shoal Water, had been beat to Pieces.

The Joseph and Anne, Sear, bound to Lisbon from London, is taken by a Spanish Privateer, but we have not heard what Port she is carried into.

Extract of a Letter from Capt. Rossiter, of the Lyon, dated March 19, from St. Andero.

'On the 20th of Feb. O. S. about 80 Leagues from the Lizard, we spied a Ship to Windward, which bore down on us, whereupon I haul'd the Wind, and endeavour'd to get to Windward of him, but found I could not: I then tried him with the Wind quartering, and then before it, but found he wrong'd us every way. I knew them to be Spaniards, and therefore put our Ship in the best Posture I could; when they came to nigh that their Chase Guns could reach us, they hoisted Spanish Colours and fir'd: We were under French Colours 'till they came within Reach of our Swivels, and hoisted English and fir'd at them; they then came upon our Starboard Quarter, to near that they might have jump'd on board, and then steer'd off; but were presently along-side again, and kept a continual Fire of their Swivels and small Arms; for the Sea was so high they could not fight any of their great Guns, except their Chase; we got one of our Guns out below, and fir'd it, but it overset; we discharg'd our Swivels with Partridge Shot three several Times, and shot away his Foretopmast-Shrouds; but my Mate being wounded, one Man shot between the Shoulders, one in the Breast, and my Boy kill'd, I found it was a Folly to contend with a Ship of 18 Guns and 170 Men, and therefore struck: The Privateer is call'd the St. Michael, of Bilboa, and is commanded by the same Monsieur that kill'd the Captain of the Grampus.

Extract of a Letter from Dunkirk, April 11.

'In the Gale of Wind on Sunday the 4th Instant we had seven Vessels drove from the Roads, five whereof were lost between Ostend and Newport, Capt. Dubys from Cherrant, Capt. Boedens from Bourdeaux, a Vessel from Rochelle, and two laden with Salt, from Cherbourgh.

From the London Gazette.

An Account of Commodore Anson's Progress in the South-Seas, after his Departure from the Island of St. Katherine on the Coast of Brazil, till his Arrival at Quatuleo on the Coast of Mexico, by Lewis Ledger, who was Mr. Anson's Cook, now arriv'd in England, from Lisbon in his Majesty's Ship the Plymouth.

ON the 20th of February 1741 2, the Squadron sailed from the Island of St. Katherine on the Coast of Brazil, but by excessive hard Gales of Wind parted Company going round Cape Horn. The Centurion arriv'd at the Island of Juan Fernandes the 8th of June, in a most miserable Condition, having six Men in one Watch, and seven in the other: Upon their Arrival the Commodore put all his sick Men on Shore, who recover'd very fast by eating the wild Turnips they found there. The Trial Sloop join'd him eight Days after his Arrival, the Gloucester a Month after her, and a Merchant Storeship about seven Weeks after the Gloucester, all in a very bad Condition. On the 12th of September they saw a Sail to the Offing, upon which the Centurion slipp'd and stood out after her, and the same Day took her; she prov'd to be a Ship of 400 Tuns, from Callao to St. Jago, with a great Quantity of Money, and several Passengers of Consequence on board: The Commodore brought her in, and the same Day sent the Tryal to cruize on the Coast of Chili. On the 20th of September he likewise sail'd, having taken out all the Provisions from the Merchant Storeship, and sunk her. The Gloucester not being ready, was order'd to cruize on the Coast of Peru, as soon as her Men were in better Health. About six Days after they join'd the Tryal on the Coast of Chili, who had taken a very rich Prize, but lost her own Masts; upon which the Commodore gave Orders to sink her, and took her Crew on board his own Ship. They cruiz'd some Time on this Coast, and took two other very rich Prizes; and about the latter End of November sail'd for the Coast of Peru. In their Passage they took two other Prizes, one with Iron and Money, the other with Timber, which was a very good Prize, in repairing the Ships upper Works, which were in a bad Condition. On the 12th of December, being about nine Leagues from the Land, the Commodore sent Mr. Brett, his second Lieutenant, with fifty Men, in order to attack Payta in the Night; which he accordingly executed with great Success, and got Possession of the Fort with very little Opposition. In the Morning the Centurion anchor'd in the Cove, and

took four Ships that lay there; they found great Quantities of Money, the Spaniards not having remov'd it; they remain'd here three Days, and then burnt the Fort and Town. The Day after they join'd the Gloucester, who had likewise taken a very rich Price; they both made the best of their Way for the Island of Quibo to water, which they accomplish'd in three Days; from thence they sail'd in order to cruize off Aquapulco; but upon their Arrival on the Coast, found, by a Fishing Boat they took, that the Manila Ship was arriv'd three Days before; they continu'd cruizing on this Coast till the Beginning of April 1742, but without any Success; their Water growing short, were oblig'd to bear up for Gautuleo, where they arriv'd in a few Days. Here the Deponent, with two others, being straggling in the Woods, was surpriz'd and taken by a Party of Indians, who carried him to Aquapulco, where he was detain'd three Days; from thence he was sent to Mexico, where he remained ten Weeks; from thence he was sent to La Vera Cruz, and continu'd there two Months; afterwards was shipp'd on board a Galleon for Havanna, and from thence to Lagos, in the Princess Galleon, where he made his Escape and came to Lisbon, having been Prisoner about ten Months and a few Days.

St. James's, March 29. His Majesty having been pleas'd to nominate, constitute and appoint the Right Hon. Lionel Earl of Dysart, to be one of the Knights Brethren of the Most Antient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, vacant by the Death of his Grace James Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, his Lordship was this Day invested with the said Order by his Majesty in his Closet, being introduced by their Graces the Dukes of Buccleugh and Athole, the two senior Knights Brethren present, and preceded by the Usher of the Green Rod, and Lyon King of Arms, who administred the Oath, &c.

Whitehall, April 5. The King has been pleas'd to constitute and appoint Peter Campbell, John Jones, Richard Phillips, Roger Handasyd, Henry Hawley, Esqrs. and James Lord Tyrawley, to be Lieutenants-General in his Majesty Army.

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